

and, therefore, the rejection thereof is rendered moot. Inasmuch as each of Claims 19 and 21-28 are indicated to be allowed, there are no longer any issues to be resolved herein. Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, each of remaining claims 19 and 21-28 is believed to recite a patentable invention. Therefore, a withdrawal of the Examiner's final rejection is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

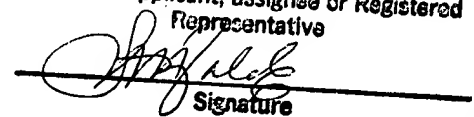


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